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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	Connecting Device for a Percutaneously Implanted Port System	Group Art Unit: 3763

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 21, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.